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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN: EXPLORING POTENTIAL FOR U.S.-TURKISH
COOPERATION ON ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL ASIA

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[1](#)1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Charge and DCM hosted Turkish Ambassador Hakki Akil and DCM Tolgu Orkun on February 1 to discuss U.S.-Turkish assistance cooperation in 2008 in Turkmenistan, as per reftel instructions. We had provided a summary of reftel to Ambassador Akil in advance as a non-paper. He said he had no specific instructions from Ankara, but knew it has long been Turkish policy to cooperate with the United States to the fullest extent possible, and he endorsed this proposal. Both sides agreed, as the next step, to hold working-level discussions between resident USAID and TIKA officials to identify and explore concrete areas for cooperation that Turkey can afford financially.
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